

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN  
MUKA SURAT : 20  
RUANGAN : NASIONAL

Sinar Harian m/s 20 Nasional 25/6/2025 (Rabu)

## Sultan Brunei zahir penghargaan kepada pasukan perubatan Malaysia



Anwar (kanan) memaklumkan bahawa Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah menzahirkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan atas khidmat cemerlang dan dedikasi pasukan perubatan Malaysia ketika menghubungi bagi bertanya khabar kesihatan baginda.

**KUALA LUMPUR** - Sultan Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah menzahirkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan atas khidmat cemerlang dan dedikasi pasukan perubatan Malaysia yang terlibat secara langsung dalam penjagaan kesihatan baginda baru-baru ini.

Perkara itu dimaklumkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yang menghubungi Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah bagi bertanya khabar kesihatan baginda susulan rawatan yang diterima di Malaysia sebelum ini.

"Alhamdulillah, keadaan kesihatan baginda dilaporkan ber-

tambah baik sejak ini dan terus dipantau rapi oleh pasukan perubatan, termasuk penglibatan tugas kesihatan dari Malaysia.

"Saya mendoakan agar baginda tuanku serta seluruh keluarga Diraja Brunei sentiasa dikurniakan keaktifan, kesejahteraan dan ber-rada di bawah lindungan ALLAH SWT," katanya menerusi hantaran di Facebook pada Selasa.

Dalam perbualan itu, kedua-dua pemimpin turut menyentuh perkembangan positif hubungan dua hala Malaysia dan Brunei yang kekal erat serta perkembangan semasa isu rantau ASEAN yang

terus berjalan dengan lancar dan konstruktif.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah tiba di Malaysia pada 25 Mei untuk menghadiri Sidang Kemuncak ASEAN ke-46 dan Sidang Kemuncak Berkaitan yang berlangsung di Pusat Konvensyen Kuala Lumpur pada 26 dan 27 Mei lepas.

Baginda berehat di Institut Jantung Negara sejak 27 Mei kerana keletihan dan kemudian bersemayam di sebuah hotel di Kuala Lumpur sebelum berangkat pulang ke Bandar Seri Begawan pada 3 Jun lepas. - Bernama

AKHBAR : THE STAR

MUKA SURAT : 12

RUANGAN : NATION

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# Over 11,800 HFMD cases recorded in Kelantan

KOTA BARU: Kelantan has recorded 11,813 cases of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) as of the 25th epidemiological week (ME) this year.

State health department director Datuk Dr Zaini Hussin said the number showed a 14-fold increase against the same period last year, though a downward trend was recorded since the 17th week.

"The average weekly case count in the 17th ME was 960 cases and since the 23rd ME, weekly cases have decreased significantly to less than 400 cases per week.

"Children aged six years and below are the most affected group with 9,912 cases or 83.9% of the total cases reported," he said in a statement yesterday, Bernama reported.

Dr Zaini said the age group of seven to 12 years recorded 1,679 cases (14.2%), while only 222 cases (1.9%) involved those aged over 12.

He also said 138 HFMD outbreaks had been reported throughout the state, with Pasir Mas and Kota Baru each recording 29 outbreaks (21%), while Kuala Krai recorded 27 outbreaks (19.5%).

Nurseries, kindergartens and preschools were among the main spots of HFMD transmission with 102 out of 138 outbreaks (73.9%) occurring at the premises, while 36 outbreaks (26.1%) occurred at home.

"Enterovirus monitoring found that the main virus causing HFMD transmission in Kelantan is coxsackievirus A16 (CA16) which is spread through contact with saliva, blister fluid and stool of patients.

"Most cases are mild and patients recover completely within seven to 10 days without requiring specific treatment. So far, no serious cases or deaths due to HFMD have been recorded in Kelantan," he added.

Dr Zaini advised daycare and preschool operators to implement entrance screening, disinfect surfaces and equipment, avoid sharing personal items and immediately report cases to the nearest district health office.

He also reminded the public to practise personal and environmental hygiene, wash hands regularly and not send symptomatic children to daycare centres or schools.

AKHBAR : SINAR HARIAN

MUKA SURAT : 24

RUANGAN : NEGERI

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# Premis sembelih ayam jijik diarah tutup



Empat daripada tujuh pusat penyembelihan ayam di Kuala Lumpur yang diperiksa diarah tutup serta merta atas pelbagai kesalahan.

Tiada sijil halal, sisa dibuang dalam longkang dan dikendalikan warga asing

Oleh SITI AISYAH MOHAMAD  
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**S**ebanyak empat daripada tujuh premis penyembelihan ayam di Jalan Semerah Padi dan Jalan Kuari, Bukit Cheras, di sini telah diarahkan tutup serta merta atas pelbagai kesalahan.

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) memaklumkan bahawa tindakan itu diambil melalui



Operasi Bersepadu Pemeriksaan Pusat Penyembelihan Ayam oleh Jabatan Kesihatan dan Alam Sekitar DBKL dengan kerjasama strategik Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (JAWI).

Menurut kenyataan itu, antara kesalahan yang dikesan termasuk penyembelihan tanpa sijil halal dan tidak berdaftar, lantai serta dinding premis yang kotor, ayam direndam dalam air kotor bercampur darah, serta pembuangan sisa terus ke dalam longkang dan saliran.

"Lebih membimbangkan apabila semua pekerja pemprosesan merupakan warga asing dan premis-premis ini membekalkan ayam ke restoran sekitar Cheras dan Kuala Lumpur.

"Pihak JAWI turut mengesahkan bahawa terdapat individu yang me-

nyembelih di premis terbabit telah dibatalkan sijil penyembelihannya.

"Kesemua premis juga gagal mengemukakan bukti suntikan pelalian, kursus pengendalian makanan, dan penyelenggaraan perangkap minyak serta penapis sisa," katanya menerusi kenyataan di Facebook pada Selasa.

Tambah DBKL, lapar notis dan kompaun turut dikeluarkan atas pelbagai kesalahan melibatkan kebersihan, pengendalian sisa dan pelanggaran lesen.

Menurut kenyataan itu lagi, DBKL bersama agensi berkaitan akan terus memperketat tindakan penguatkuasaan dan penyelarasan struktur premis tanpa kelulusan.

"DBKL akan memastikan keselamatan makanan dan kesucian amalan penyembelihan terus terpelihara untuk kesejahteraan warga kota," ujarnya.



Semua pekerja pemprosesan merupakan warga asing dan premis-premis ini membekalkan ayam ke restoran sekitar Cheras dan Kuala Lumpur.



Lantai premis dibiarkan kotor tanpa dibersihkan.

AKHBAR : THE STAR  
MUKA SURAT : 17  
RUANGAN : VIEWS

The Star m/s 17 Views 25/6/2025 (Rabu)

# A call for long-term care coverage

WE refer to *The Star's* article dated June 17 and titled "Ageing society will deeply affect health-care and workforce, says EPF chairman" (online at [bit.ly/3HWukKA](https://bit.ly/3HWukKA)). The concerns raised are timely and urgent – Malaysia is rapidly ageing, and our current healthcare and retirement systems are not adequately prepared.

Healthcare costs are rising at an unsustainable pace. Healthcare inflation is currently estimated at 6%-10% annually, and out of pocket expenditure remains high at around 36%, based on World Bank and World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates. Malaysians spend an average of 9.5 years in poor health, and non-communicable diseases cost the Health Ministry nearly RM9,65bil annually. All this leaves many older Malaysians financially vulnerable, especially after retirement.

While we commend the Health Ministry's proposal to allow EPF withdrawals for voluntary medical insurance, we believe this only addresses part of the problem. Just providing for healthcare without consideration for long-term care is not keeping pace with the needs of an ageing popu-



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lation. The government needs to also consider long-term care insurance systems. In addition, there also needs to be the consideration that financial provisions are only one part of preparing for ageing, and hence saving up for old age should also consider investments in the physical, mental, social, and spiritual aspects of life.

Today, transitional care services (eg post-discharge rehabilitation, home nursing) are 100% out of pocket, with practical help pro-

vided almost exclusively by unpaid family caregivers. These individuals are potentially eligible for caregivers' allowance, and the Finance Ministry has provided tax rebates for payment for long-term care which do soften the blow. However, it still remains a huge burden, and with limited access to caregiver training, such situations often lead to major strains on individual and family relationships.

Nursing home care and home care services remain fragmented,

largely unregulated, and financially inaccessible. Few older adults have EPF savings left by the time they require long-term care.

On behalf of the Malaysian Society of Geriatric Medicine, we would like to provide the "cup half full", viewpoint.

Population ageing should never be viewed as a calamity but rather, as an opportunity. After all, it has undeniably been through improvements in education, hygiene standards, nutrition, and healthcare that the Malaysian born today enjoys the privilege of expecting to grow old, since life expectancy has increased by 20 years over the past 50 years.

We should bask in this success – but to do so, a sea change is needed in the way we view old age. We have no option but to extend working lives and reduce the healthcare burden through healthy ageing.

The United Nations' Decade for Healthy Ageing began in 2021 and will continue to 2030. The decade's action areas include removing ageism, creating age-friendly environments, integrating care, and supporting long-term care. In addition, the WHO also released a report in March

2024 stating the need to integrate health and social care, and to incorporate long-term care into universal health coverage. Hence, unless provisions are made for long-term care in Malaysia, we will no longer have universal health coverage.

We fully support EPF's efforts to rethink retirement adequacy in the face of population ageing. Retirement security, however, must go beyond financial security and take into consideration holistic preparations through the building of physical, mental, social, and spiritual resilience. Furthermore, one must not forget that workforce and healthcare issues can only be addressed by extension of working lives and shrinking the number of years lived with ill health and disability.

Let us act now to build a fair, sustainable, and caring system, "adding life to years for the older Malaysian".

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